

The Villager

A Magazine for Avening,
Cherington and Nags Head



June 2022

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June 2022

How wonderful it is to be writing during one of the loveliest months of the year with a feeling of hope. It is true that many terrible things are still happening in the world and Covid certainly hasn't gone away, but I think most of us feel a cautious optimism and confidence in reconnecting with our friends and families again in a more natural, relaxed fashion and even, daringly, enjoying a holiday, free of many tests and worries.

Added to this of course we have the excitement of the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee weekend to look forward to. Details of what is going on in our villages are given in this edition - so read on. It is particularly exciting to see the events planned by the newly relaunched Queen Matilda and we feel sure that the Hog Roast in Cherington will be a winner. Don't forget to start your celebrations by going to the Community Café on the 31st May, where there will be a Jubilee fancy dress competition with a prize for the best costume and a free glass of bubbly for all. Finally don't forget to join the lighting of the jubilee beacon at Avening Park on Thursday 2nd June.

Younger members of our communities will be so pleased to see that the Youth Club is back. The closure of the Club in recent times has left a lonely void for this age group and we hope that, with its reopening, membership will continue to grow.

Finally, but not least, we feel sure that our youngest readers will be delighted to see that the Bear Hunt is on again on 18th June.

So we hope that there is something for everyone to read about and enjoy.

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Keep sending us your photographs, especially since all the images will be in colour in the downloadable version of the Magazine.

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AVENING CHURCH FETE CHANGE OF DATE

Due to the avalanche of lovely village events in the first half of the year it has been decided after discussion with all the relevant participants to move the Annual Church Fete and Art Show from June and it will now take place along with the Duck Races and Dog Show on:

Sunday September 11th

Regular Activities in the Villages

Items struck through are temporarily suspended. Would organisers please let us know when they restart.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Community Café	Tuesday	9.30 - 11.30am	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
Churchyard tidy up	Wednesday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Churchwardens
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	10.30am - 12.30pm	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Zoom	Richard Smith
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Andrew 01453 835783
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Youth Club	Every Tuesday in term time	6.00 - 7.30pm	Avening church	
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
Avening PC	3rd Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Shani Baker 07415 039234
Avening Cinema Club	Last Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	avening Cinemaclub@gmail.com
Avening W.I.	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Social Club/ Memorial Hall	Liz 01453 833803
Charity Quiz	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	The Bell	
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4.30pm	tba	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090

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South Cotswold Community Wellbeing Agent		01452 528491
Stroud Hospital	Reception	0300 421 8080
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336

VILLAGE & AREA WEB SITES

Avening Parish Council: www.avening-pc.gov.uk

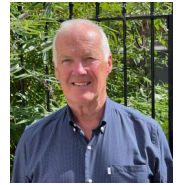
Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk.

Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk



Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Following our latest Parish Council Annual General Meeting I find myself re-elected as Chairman for the second year (the first year seems to have flown by!) together with the team as a whole remaining in position to continue their collective work on behalf of the villagers of Avening. I must give my thanks to all the Councillors for their support over the last year; it is a real pleasure to work as part of a cohesive and committed team. Each of the team has retained their individual areas of responsibility for the next 12 months which ensures we are in safe hands.

Ukraine support – just a reminder following my suggestion last month that anyone wishing to offer peripheral support to families in the village that are hosting refugees; that they can contact me for information and I will put them in touch. Again, it is important to mention that we need to maintain the security of visitors and therefore keep any contact away from social media platforms and rely on word of mouth or a simple phone call.

I'm delighted to see just how many of the village children are enjoying the play equipment in the playing field including the use of the tables. I'm very pleased on behalf of the Councillors to announce that the installation of a roundabout is underway and should be completed by the time this issue of The Villager reaches you. We are also installing some ground matting where appropriate and this will include the 'landing area' at the foot of the slide.

We have installed a couple of road mirrors to make our roads a little safer – one being a replacement opposite the Queen Matilda and the other is on the junction of Old Hill with the main road. This latter one is a bit on the small side so I have asked for a larger one which should be with us in the next few weeks.

I have been asked by a few villagers 'what are we doing for the Queens Jubilee?' Whilst there is a themed morning in the Tuesday Café to acknowledge the occasion, the truth is that we have a number of other events already in the calendar – Memorial Hall Centenary, Village Fete etc. – such that there is understandably a shortage of volunteers to organise any more events. This should not be taken as a sign that no one cares about the Jubilee; on the contrary we congratulate Her Majesty for her dedicated service over so many years and send her our appreciation and heartfelt best wishes. I know there are a number of private parties being held in the village so there will not be a shortage of glasses being raised in Her Majesty's honour.

Avening Parish Councillors profiles: - This month it is the turn of Vice Chairman David Bendall.

Having spent a great deal of my working life flying around the world on business, my wife and I ended up here in Avening and have lived here now for over 22 years. My home county of East Sussex is not unlike the Cotswolds in countryside so we feel very much at home here. We have a son who, like me, almost lives in a plane and has

worked on four continents running his own consultancy. My working life was almost exclusively in the commercial fire industry and in my mid-fifties I started my own consultancy which proved successful.

Nine years ago I joined the Parish council and 4 years ago became the vice chair. My current responsibilities in this position are to oversee the village hall administration including hall bookings and maintenance work. My other major responsibility is as a village School Governor acting as the link between the school and the Parish Council which is a challenging position.



Other interests are Rugby and cricket and being a Probus Club member and when I get the time reading historical novels.

Keep safe and well

Patrick Mulligan (Mob: 07713 068436)
Chairman of Avening Parish Council

Cherington Show

Childrens Competition Workshop

Wed 20th July 3-6 pm Cherington Village Hall

Animals Made Out of Vegetables! Poster for the Queen's Jubilee! Decorated Wooden Spoon! Decorated Cupcake! Just some of the wonderful competitions at Cherington Show this year, Sunday 24th July.



Not sure what to enter – don't have all the gear at home? – fear not – every year we run a children's workshop to help you write your poems, decorate your wooden spoon, make a painting with vegetable cutters, and of course the wonderful picture made from pasta. So bring your children along and we can make a mess and make some prize-winning show entries

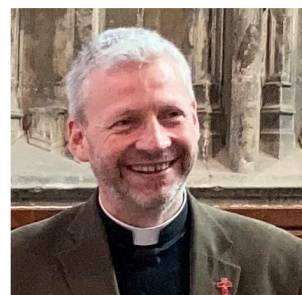


together 3-6 pm Wednesday 20th July at Cherington Village Hall. All welcome, materials will be provided. For more info please contact Christine on 07790659339. Prizes and cups at the show – no entrance fee for children's competitions.

Take a look at www.cheringtonshow.com for details on how to enter and all the competition categories.

Avening and Cherington Churches

Howard Gilbert is the Rector in the benefice of Minchinhampton. That benefice includes Amberley at the moment, but it could work well if Avening and Cherington joined the Minchinhampton Benefice. In March, Howard Gilbert became our Priest-in-Charge with the idea of working toward that move.



Of course, what we want is a priest to live in our parishes, who we come to know, who will lead us in our faith, inspire us with his teaching, and who is there when we are troubled. An ad will go into The Church Times for two weeks (the end of May and beginning of June), and we are hoping for some promising applicants to work with the benefit of Howard's teamwork, but who will be independent as the priest in our villages. If we are fortunate there will be interviews in July for a 'House for Duty' priest - someone who is given accommodation in the rectory in Avening in exchange for several days of work in the parishes of Cherington and Avening.

Please pray with us for success in finding our new priest.

Elizabeth Buchanan and Liz Fuller, churchwardens

From the Church Registers

We welcomed Hallam Jack Townsend into the Church family at his Christening in Avening on May 1st.

Church Services

Date	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
SAT. 4th June From 10.30am		Jubilee Service of Thanks followed by Royal Toast & Tree Planting then at 12.30 Jubilee hog roast at Coxes Farm
5 th June 10.00am	Holy Communion Honouring Her Majesty's reign	
12 th June 10.00 am	Morning prayer	Holy Communion
19 th June 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
26 th June 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
3 rd July 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service

Church Detail



When you look into the South Transept of the church, you will see that the back wall is taken up, from end to end, by an oak cupboard. This cupboard was built of locally grown wood in memory of Maud Maxwell, elegant, funny, plainspoken, a great horsewoman, a wonderful friend and a loyal supporter of this community and our church. Her children commissioned the cupboard after her death in 2005 and chose the decorations, amongst them a Bible, an Irish sailboat, a Celtic cross and a chalice. Maud's favourite passage from the Bible is carved above the top of the doors.

The decorations are of wood inlaid into the oak doors. The pictures are not veneer but thicker pieces of wood into which other details can then be inlaid, a technique called intarsia.

George Buchanan designed and built the cupboard but had, among his helpers, villagers who sourced the wood, planed it smooth, transported the pieces of cupboard and helped install it in the church. It was a great effort, across many strengths and skills.

The Bible passage is from John's gospel, when Jesus describes how there can be room for us all in heaven: In My Father's House are many Mansions.



Elizabeth Buchanan

Organist wanted at Avening Church!

Do you play the Organ? Do you know someone who does?

We are looking to employ someone who will play on alternate Sunday mornings.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please get in touch with our Churchwardens:

Elizabeth Buchanan: 01453 833 016

Liz Fuller: 01453 835067

Puzzle Corner

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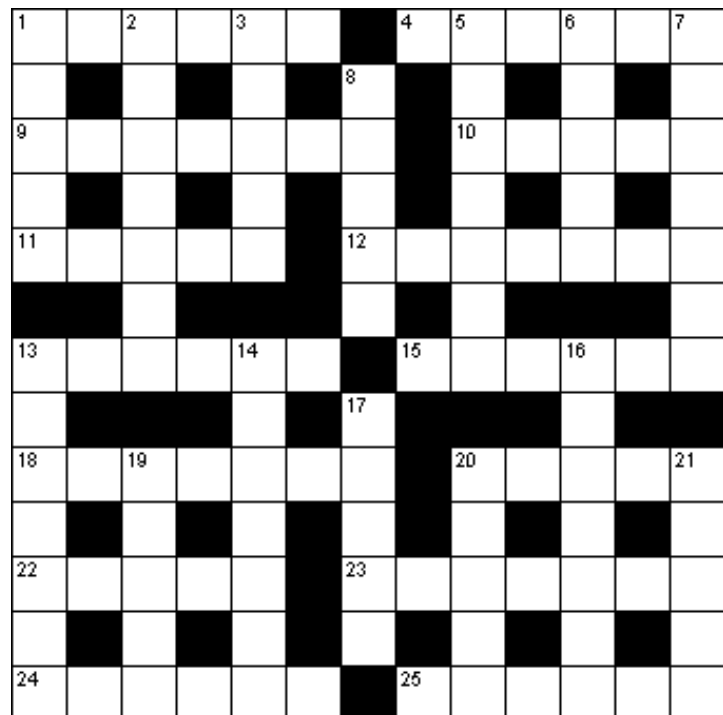
Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 - 9. If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

Answers on page 34

Across

1. Plaid (6)
4. Inveigle (6)
9. Plane figure with straight sides (7)
10. Publish (5)
11. Creep (5)
12. Plant with prickly-edged leaves (7)
13. Schedule (6)
15. Despot (6)
18. Producing a sensation of touch (7)
20. Investigation (5)
22. Performed (5)
23. Gathered together in large numbers (7)
24. Objective (6)



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Down

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| 1. Subject (5) | 7. Best environment for a plant or animal (7) | 17. Impart skills or knowledge (5) |
| 2. Let go (7) | 8. Become one (5) | 19. Supply food ready to eat (5) |
| 3. Investor in theatrical production (5) | 13. Draw in (7) | 20. Provide evidence for (5) |
| 5. Nimbleness (7) | 14. Diminish (7) | 21. Type of duck (5) |
| 6. Beginning or early stages (5) | 16. Kept away from (7) | |

Gilian's Poem of the Month



I wrote this after watching and listening to the skylarks over the high fields along the Rudgeway at Avening, and delighting in their unfettered and boundless joy – to me they are the very epitome of freedom! And then I remembered my absolute horror and distress, some years ago, at seeing skylarks for sale, at an open market in Ibiza, each one imprisoned in a tiny, wicker cage.....

Skylarks

Skylarks are winging and singing their love- songs,
High o'er the wold, on a bright Summer's day,
Lost in the mist of a cloudless, blue firmament,
Hovering over the fields of sweet hay.

Piercing the air with celestial melodies,
Swooping and soaring on fluttering wings,
Spilling cascades of pure notes down from Heaven,
Thrilling out anthems they joyfully sing.

With trembling wings sometimes they hover,
Sometimes are mere specks in the sky high above,
Sometimes small acrobats, tumbling downwards,
Whilst flinging abroad their clear anthems of love.

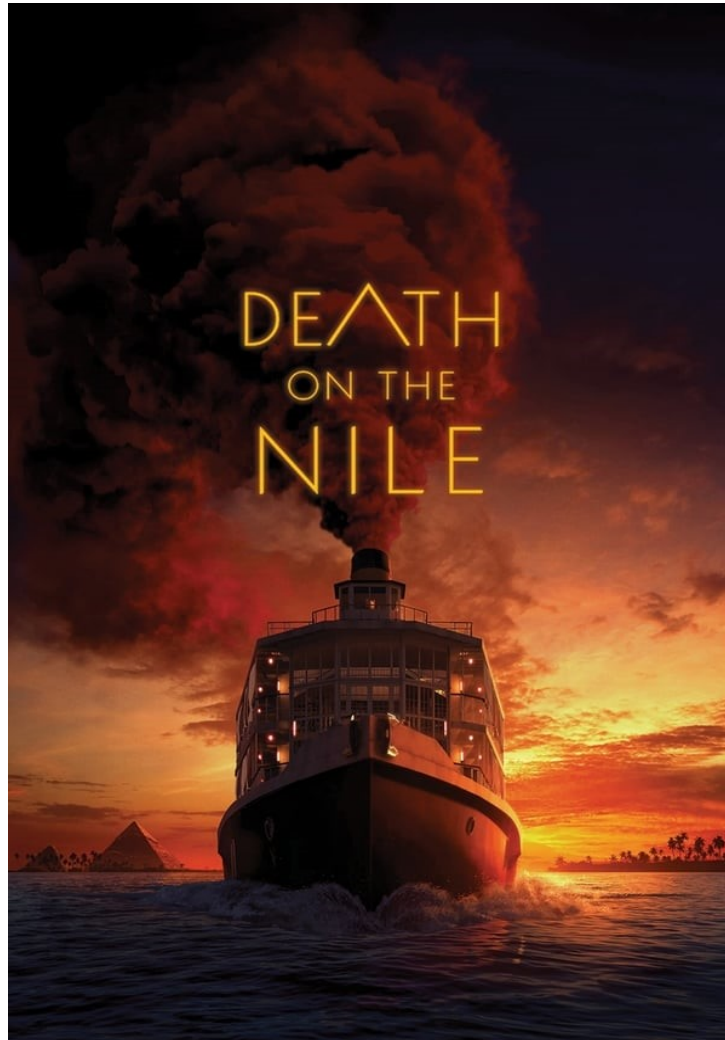
So how cruel to imprison that bright, roving spirit,
To catch it, and cage it, to sicken and die,
To capture that ecstasy, smother that singing,
For caged and confined it's sweet soul will soon die.

When plucked from the sky, bewildered, forsaken,
Shut away from the joy of a bright, sunny day,
Grieving and pining, it's wild freedom taken,
The heart of a lark will just fade away.....

So long may the skylarks soar over our hillsides,
Singing and winging through long Summer days,
Filling the air with their cascading birdsong,
Gilding the skies with their sweet songs of praise.....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

AVENINGCINEMA CLUB



WEDNESDAY 29th June

Doors open 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm

AVENING MEMORIAL HALL

Admission £5

The film club runs on the last Wednesday of every month.

Contact us at aveningcinemaclub@gmail.com

The film club is a not for profit community event. Any profit made after screening/licence costs will be donated to local charities



JUBILEE BEACON AT AVENING PARK

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2022

5 - 10 PM

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC AND CHAIRS



Down Memory Lane



A couple of old photos of The Cross – now the Queen Matilda – courtesy of the 'Old Avening and Cherington Facebook page, which is a mine of fascinating photos and stories for anyone interested in such things.

Above is the pub in Edwardian times, while the lower picture shows people drinking outside it in the 1950s, watched over by village policeman, reported to be PC Tuffley. According to the Facebook page, the publicans were Mr and Mrs Mullins (2nd left and last right above respectively).



TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE



- June 10th Alistair McGowan Piano Show:** The classical concert you've always wanted to see - a unique mix of classic comedy and classical music. 7.30 Tickets £24
- June 12th Stars and Sails – Children's Theatre:** Explore the power and vulnerability of the sea through songs, sights and stories. Family Fun for all. 11-12pm, 2-3pm Tickets £8 for family of four.
- June 15th Playtime:** Join Sidney & Tristan from The Last Baguette for a fun, relaxed participatory theatre session. 10-11, Tickets £5 for a family group.
- June 22 Environment Shed Talk:** Sophie Ashe on rare breeds and why they are important to us. 7.30 Tickets £5 and £8
- June 25th The Munch Mission - Children's Theatre:** Do you possess the wit, nerve and skill to become the next CIA agent? Work with Agents Kahlo and Dali of the Company of International Artists to solve a sneaky art heist. 2-3pm Tickets from £8
- June 25th Comedy Club:** Join some of the finest, and funniest, stand-up comedians from the UK comedy circuit, featuring Matt Green, Kate Lucas and Matt Stellingwerf! 8pm. Tickets £12.50. Suitable for 18 and over.
- June 9/23rd Film Night:** For programme dates and times see our website.
- Wednesdays Afternoon Tea Concerts:** Enjoy a variety of different music in a relaxed atmosphere over tea and cake from The Whistle Stop Café. 2-4 Tickets £2.50

We also have exhibitions and talks – and our excellent Whistle Stop Café! For full details of opening times and all our events visit our website:
shed-arts.co.uk



Avening Playgroup

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter holidays and to welcome two new families to the playgroup. We hope you will enjoy your time here.

Since returning to playgroup after the Easter break, the children have been looking at the following:

- Superheroes – they have had lots of fun dressing up as superheroes, talking about their special powers, making up new superheroes and colouring lots of superheroes.
- Numerals 1 to 10- matching the quantity of items to the correct numeral as well as rolling the dice and counting the matching number of jumps or claps. They also traced over numerals and we sang number rhymes.
- The life cycle of a frog – colouring in pictures of frog spawn, tadpoles and frogs and putting them in the correct order, finding items set in jelly and making frog head bands/masks
- Mark-making and cutting skills – lots of practice tracing over different lines and the letters in their name. The children drew pictures of their families and their favourite activities at playgroup. The children also cut along lines and around shapes.



Staff are busy gathering the information to complete the Transition Records for those children



starting school in September as well as thinking of ideas to develop our lovely outside area. The children have enjoyed playing with the new water trough and also in the camouflage den. We have received a quote for painting the playground and are currently looking for grants to help us with the cost. Staff would also like to find a way of enclosing the covered area, so if you know your way around some wood and a saw, and have some spare time, please let us know.

If you would like to register your child at Avening Playgroup, please call Angie on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com to put their names down and to book a time to have a look around the setting. We are open mornings during term time.



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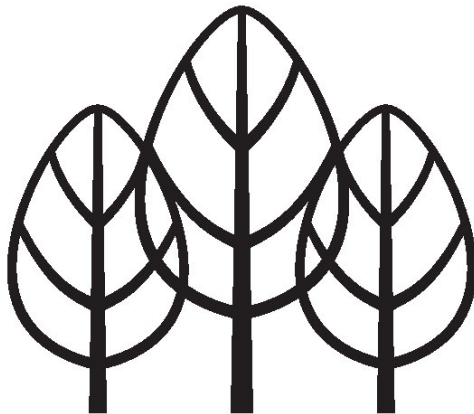
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Come along and join us!

THE GREAT AVENING EXHIBITION

Once again there will be a Great Exhibition of Artwork held in Avening Church!

The private view will be on Saturday 10th of September, and the Great Exhibition and the Fete will be the following day, the 11th.

Artists and photographers please remember these dates and begin to assemble your pictures, pots, and other crafts! We want to exhibit them!



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Saturday 25th June 11-3pm



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Our gardeners have been going around the village taking cuttings (with the owner's permission of course) all winter and we now have a beautiful array of healthy plants to sell.

The gardeners will be on hand on the day to talk you through planting and caring for them.

Refreshments available

Come early to avoid disappointment

Mozart
Overture: Don Giovanni

Schumann
Cello Concerto Soloist:
Benjamin Dry

Beethoven
Symphony No. 7

Conductor: Jonathan Trim Leader: Angie Spencer

Saturday June 25th 2022 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Road, Stroud, GL5 2HX

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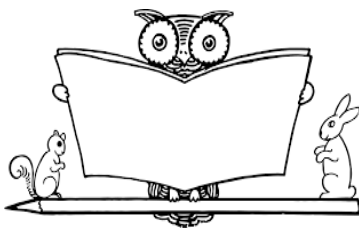
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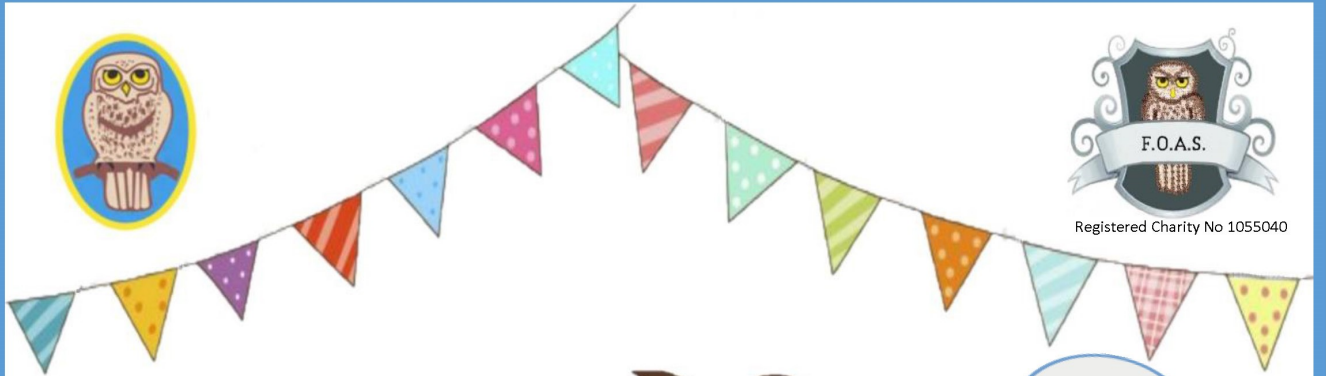
The trustees of ACEEF have limited funds available to assist Avening residents under 25 with their education. These grants are intended to help ensure that young people in the village are not deprived of the opportunity to receive good education suiting their aptitudes and abilities.

If you, or your children, are in need of such support, please request an application form by phoning 01453 833016 or emailing buchanan.el@gmail.com

Forms received by 1st July will be considered by the Trustees at their next meeting.



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Per Person

Drinks
Ice Creams
Bear-B-Q
Cakes

Avening Bear Hunt

Saturday 18th June
11am to 3pm



Join us on an adventure around Avening to spot some AMAZING Bears!!

For more information and to Pre-book your tickets go to:

www.pta-events.co.uk/aveningfoas

CHERINGTON DATES FOR THE DIARY!



Saturday 4th June: 10.30am

Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving,
followed by Loyal Toast and Tree
Planting at Church

Saturday 4th June: 12.30pm

Jubilee Hog Roast at Coxes Farm

Saturday 25th June: 11.00am

Plant Sale on Village Green,
refreshments in Village Hall

Sunday 24th July: 1.00pm

Cherington Show



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Avening School

Plenty to Celebrate!

As we head towards the last half of the summer term, we are incredibly grateful to be able to plan and anticipate so many activities that have been impossible for the past couple of years. One of these events is Young Voices, which before the pandemic, was always one of the highlights of our school calendar. Having been postponed several times, the concert is due to take place, marking its twenty-year anniversary as a national event, which brings immense joy to pupils, teachers and parents each year. Children from y4-y6 have been busy rehearsing the songs and moves since before Christmas and are so excited to be able to join thousands of other schoolchildren in a performance at the Birmingham NEC.

Another first since the pandemic that the whole school community are excited about is our annual sports day, which will take place at the end of June. The children will compete in their school houses and as usual we will be welcoming parents and Avening playgroup to join us for the occasion. Let's hope for sunshine!

Classes have been busy both in school and out as many school visits have taken place, with more still in the diary. The Kestrels class (y1/2) recently made a visit to the Living Rainforest near Thatcham as part of the term topic 'Amazon Adventure'. The class experienced the climate and habitat native to a rainforest and spotted a variety of animals and birds, including a Sloth and Macaws. The Owls class (y5/6) had a visit from veterinary nurse, Linka from Clockhouse vets, who taught them all about the circulatory system. The pupils were able to experiment with stethoscopes and find their pulses with a Doppler heart monitor, bringing the subject matter to life. The Eagles (R/y1) have been similarly hands-on in their learning lately as they have learnt all about lifecycles as temporary custodians of a delivery of eggs. Arriving in an incubator, the children watched them hatch and develop from the egg to chick and all helped look after them in the crucial first stages of life. The Hawks class (y3/4) are looking forward to their own school outing as part of their Religious Education when they visit Gloucester Mosque and Cathedral later on in the term.

We are also looking forward to celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June with the whole school dressing in red, white and blue for the day and celebrating with an afternoon tea party. The school has also designed special mugs for each child to take home to commemorate this special occasion. We are also incredibly excited to welcome 'The Education Group' in a few weeks who will be running workshops with each class and developing a dance through the decades ranging from the 1950s through to 1980s.

Not only do we have the Queen's Jubilee to look forward to, this year our school is 180 years old and we will be celebrating in style. The week beginning 4 July is our enrichment week, which will focus on the history of our school and the village,

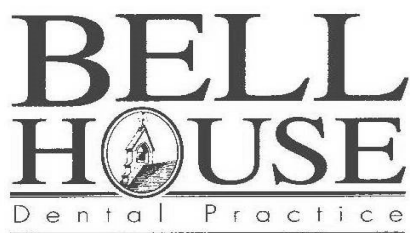
concluding with a Victorian Day on Friday 8 July. On Saturday 9 July we will be holding our school summer fair which will be a celebration of 180 years of our school. Further details to be announced in the July edition.

For more information about this busy place of learning, please see our school website: www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk

Alex Adcock

Governor Vacancies at Avening School

We are looking for a volunteer to join our governing body to help contribute to the success of the school. We are particularly keen to have a member of the local community to join our team of governors and are eager to hear from anyone interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Governors attend twelve meetings a year, full training is available and governors are also encouraged to attend regular training sessions. If you are interested in finding out more, please email clerk@avening.gloucs.sch.uk



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These play days are packed full of active and creative outdoor play. Activities include painting, model making, face painting, clay, giant bubbles, informal sports, den building, hammocks and toasting marshmallows on the campfire. Check out the web site to find out more – the FAQ section is very comprehensive: <http://www.playgloucestershire.co.uk>



In addition, there are opportunities for volunteering by young people, and the playing field is a good a social meeting place for parents too.

The Play Rangers will be here to play outdoors whatever the weather!

So, save the date now and during the long summer holiday make the most of these two days of free, recreational activities on the doorstep.

Catherine Wheatley

The Village Notice Board

The village notice board, on the side of the Memorial Hall, is a good way of publicising village events and items of local information. Posters, ideally size A4 or A5, can be put up for you on this board. They can be delivered to John and Sandra Hetterley 2, Orchard Field or given to them directly. They will be taken down once they are out of date. Other posters may be removed and recycled once they are faded or to make space for others.



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Avening Community Café

We are looking forward to some special mornings in June, in particular the Saturday morning cafe at the Social Club on 18th June from 9am till 11:30am, with hot drinks, cakes and, of course, our special favourite bacon butties!

In May we welcomed Parish Councillors who used the Café “hub” for their Annual Parish Meeting and listened to parishioners’ views over a coffee. We also had visits from our local makers, creative friends and neighbours and will have more visits in June.

On 17th May, we had a very welcome drop-in workshop with Elizabeth Oliver, who was at the cafe to help us try out spinning wool with a drop spindle. We'd like to have another go at this! It

was especially interesting to hear the memories evoked for our cafe friends on seeing spinning in action, including Val, who remembered learning about the wool process at primary school and from Mark and Kenny, more very vivid and sometimes dramatic memories, as they had each worked for a time at a local mill.



WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

June 7th: National Garden Week – Bring and swap plants.

June 14th: Patchwork/Quilting Workshop – Drop in with Wendy. (WI bacon butties today).

June 21st: 'Art with Mark' – 9:30 to 11:30am, £3 per session, all materials provided.

June 28th: 'Creative Writing' – with Atlanta from 10 to 11am, £2.50 per session.

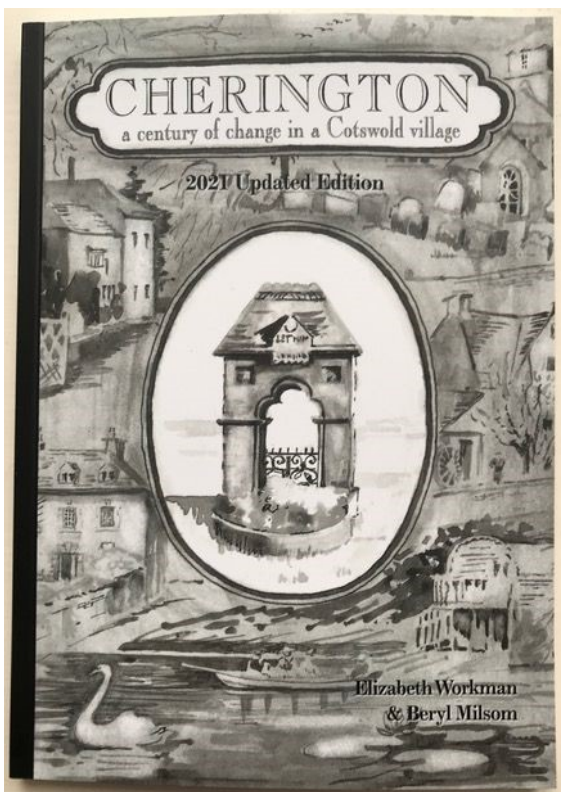
June 18th: SATURDAY MORNING CAFE.

Also visit “The Book Box” (Old Hill) and “Plants on the Wall” (High Street).

.....*Follow us on Facebook for one-off events and other news.*

John Hetterley
for Avening Community Café

The Café is open every Tuesday for coffee, homemade cakes, a chat and knit & natter from 9 to 11:30am in the Social Club. Mobile Post Office on site from 10:30 – 12:15.



The Updated Edition of the Cherington Book is now available !

If you would like a copy, please email liz@theworkmans.co.uk

They are just £10, which goes towards printing costs and village funds.

Run the Rainbow!



LONGFIELD
Community Hospice



Longfield Community Hospice is organising the perfect messy day out for all the family, with its 'Run the Rainbow' event taking place at Cotswold Airport on 17 July.

Be prepared for powdered paint, foam, music and even inflatables, as you run, walk or skip through the Run the Rainbow challenge. One thing's for sure, it's going to be colourful!

Featuring a 5K route suitable for the whole family, it's the perfect summer day out and a great opportunity to raise money for Longfield. On the day of the event, all participants registering between 10.40am - 11.40am will receive a pair of sunglasses and a sachet of coloured paint. There will be a fun warm-up to music at 11.45am with everyone setting off on the course at midday.

This year Longfield aims to support more than 1200 patients with life-limiting illnesses, carers and family members, through both the Wellbeing Centre in Minchinhampton and through care in patients' homes.

To sign up for the event, visit longfield.org.uk/event/run-the-rainbow
Use early bird promo code NEWS20 for a 20% saving.

Registration is £20 for an adult (16 and over) or £15 for a child or sign up to raise sponsorship. The registration fee entitles you to participate in the fun 5K race, sunglasses, a pouch of powdered paint and a medal on finishing.

This event is kindly sponsored by Taylor Wimpey.

Avening WI



Our group continues to thrive and we have enjoyed another varied month of activities.

Having visited the amazing Daglingworth House Gardens last September, we booked another group visit to see the Spring displays and were not disappointed. This amazing garden has been developed over a number of years by the owners David and Etta Howard, who gave an excellent tour, and it can be visited under the NGS scheme. The

garden has various 'rooms' with different planting schemes, interesting sculptures, water features and topiary all arranged to provide sightlines and glimpses into other areas and the surrounding countryside. It was a dry but chilly day and we were glad of the chance to finish the visit in the beautiful garden temple with tea and cakes provided. Well worth a visit!

Our skittles team have not had a very successful start to the season so far, but have had a couple of enjoyable friendly matches with teams from Nailsworth and Stonehouse WIs. Stonehouse have now invited us for a historical walk around Stonehouse followed by afternoon tea.

At our May meeting we had a talk about the Wildflowers of the Cotswolds by Sue Smith and Sue Dodd. They took us on a journey through the year showing us the beautiful flowers that we could expect to

find and telling us anecdotes about the alternative names, uses and legends that have developed around them. There has been a revival of interest in our native wildflowers in recent years and their benefits for wildlife. A weed is only a plant in the wrong place after all.

For our June meeting we will be having a talk by Liz Davenport about the on-going history of Woodchester Mansion. Following the talk we will be marking the Diamond Jubilee with a party and raising a glass to toast The Queen. Later in the year we are planning to plant a Heritage fruit tree in the Avening Community Orchard as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative to mark the Jubilee.

For more information about Avening WI or any of our events please contact our secretary Soo at aveningwi@gmail.com New members and visitors are always welcome.



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Playing Field

The new low rotator has arrived and will be installed soon.

Sadly, there has been more vandalism in the playground. The new benches have been damaged again. If you know who is carrying out this mindless act, please report it. We want the playground to be a space for everyone to enjoy.

Please be aware that dogs are forbidden in the fenced children's play area.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is a chance for residents to ask the Parish Council questions. It was held at the Community Café on Tuesday 24th. If you could not make it but have a question, please email the parish clerk: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Audit

The annual internal audit is complete and the dates for public inspection will be published soon.

Dates for your Diary

Something for the Children - Play Gloucestershire will be holding activity days in the playing field on August 12th and August 19th. More information to follow (see page 28).

Police Report

Reported crimes this month

- 1 Malicious Communication
- 1 Burglary
- 2 Theft
- 1 Criminal Damage.

The police would like to remind everyone that during the warmer weather they should take care when leaving windows open. This is an ideal opportunity for thieves to strike.

Planning Applications & Tree Works Since the Last Issue

New Planning Applications

21/03751/FUL: Lane to rear of 12A Star Lane. Erection of dwelling – Support

22/0096/FUL: Longtree Barn, Tetbury Road. Conversion of Dutch Barn – Objection

22/00516/FUL: 59 High Street. Partial demolition and replacement of garage – Support

Decision Notices

22/00516/FUL: 18 Star Lane. Extension of existing garage and accommodation over – Permitted

Potholes

Report the potholes directly to Highways on 08000 514514 or at the GCC Report It website.

The next meeting will be on 15th June in the Memorial Hall

Agendas and minutes can be viewed at www.avening-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Cherington Parish Council



Having missed last month's meeting, which was ably chaired by Councillor Arden in my absence, it was good to be back and trying to keep the Parish in good shape, this month. It's not always easy, but happily in a smaller Parish there is always the chance to talk to people directly about issues – and there are never *too* many issues, as our villagers have the excellent ability to get things done for themselves, with little fuss. I think this is best demonstrated by the Village Show, when we all pull together for good causes.

Most of the meeting this month was taken up with the annual round of having our financial accounts inspected and being told that we should change our ways a little to bring us into the modern world. That is not to say we were doing things badly or in the wrong way, but modern civil servants like everyone to follow their new ways. Happily, Cherington Parish passed the inspection with only a few items to attend to, which is always a relief, so thanks to Richard, our Clerk, for conducting and reporting our meetings and finances in a presentable way.

Planning seems very quiet in the Parish, but there was a certain amount of excitement when the phone box, which we purchased some time ago, was straightened up. A new paint job is also on the way to make it thoroughly presentable and with luck, this will be done in time to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Saturday June 4th.

We are very much looking forward to holding a Jubilee lunch in the village on that day – and Councillor Henry Arden has very kindly offered his garden at Coxes Farm for the occasion. Tickets will be on sale very soon and Patrick Keen will be doing the hog roast, so there's lots to look forward to.

The Parish Council Web Site is <https://cheringtonpc.org.uk/> and along with finding meeting, financial and council business news you may use it to address comments both to council members and to the clerk.

Mike Mitchell, Chairman Cherington Parish Council

Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event	Location	Time
Thursday 2nd June	Lighting Jubilee beacon picnic	Avening Park	5-19 pm
Saturday 4th June	Queen's Jubilee Hog Roast	Coxes Farm, Cherington	12.30pm
Wednesday 15th June	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 18th June	Saturday Community Café	Social Club	10.00am
Saturday 18th June	Avening Bear Hunt	All around Avening	11.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday 25th June	Plant Sale and Refreshments	Cherington Village Green and Village Hall	11.00am
Wednesday 29th June	Avening Cinema Club Death on the Nile	Avening Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Saturday 9th July	School Fair	School grounds and surrounding area	tba
Wednesday 20th July	Cherington Show Children's Competition Workshop	Cherington Village Hall	3.00 – 6.00pm
Thursday 21st July	Avening School Summer term ends		
Sunday 24th July	Cherington Show	Cherington Village	1.00pm start
Friday 12th August	Play Rangers	Playing Field	10.00am – 4.00pm
Friday 19th August	Play Rangers	Playing Field	10.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday 11th September	Avening Fete and Art Show	Avening Church and School	tba



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